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DRP MEETING - 5 NOVEMBER 1976

1000 HOURS

NSSM 246 - NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY AND MILITARY POSTURE

SECDEF Rumsfeld to chair, ASD (ISA) Wade to brief.

Intended to be informative; and to solicit some guidance  
on the way the study is - and/or should be developing.

Briefly a review of --

--the goals based on President's directive and  
various terms of reference.

--a structure and organization

--aspects of each task

--time schedule.

Expected issues for discussion

1. a. Study limited to narrow specific issues only (STATE)

vs.

b. Broader national strategies and policies subsuming  
issues (ISA and others)

Suggest - Support B.

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Possible Issue

What do to schedule because of administration change?

Possible thoughts/options

- a. Slow down and fill in gaps
- ✓ { b. Report to President on 1 December as directed  
with limited study recommending issues for  
further study.
- c. Solicit guidance from Carter transition team.

Suggest - listen to discussion - probable combination of b and c

Less possible intelligence issue

1. Project weapon systems to 1991 (15 years)

- a. Presently do for 10 years in Defense Intelligence  
Projections for Planning (DIPP)

- b. Consensus of analysts in community

- Intel { Intly  
good for 5 years

- OK to 7 years

- Guessing to 10 years

- Science fiction after 10

- c. Basic argument

too many foreign decisions to be made 7 or 8 years  
in response to our weapon decisions of today

- d. Usual counter pressure

- non-intelligence folks will do

- this OK if not called intelligence

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For your information:

Intelligence Community cooperation

excellent

extensive

but uneasy - more time = better job

*original guideline April  
now stopped up to December*

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drafting NIE 11-4

Soviet Strategic Objectives

(target date late November)

in response to study need.

Mr. Lynn (OMB) concerned with "technological surprise"

draft study now has some discussion reflecting

OSD (DDR&E) and IC thoughts.

*sup*  
*del*  
TOR also require assessment of foreign (friend and foe)

reaction to possible issues chosen.

-Since not yet chosen, IC will be restrained by  
time, but do best can.

Attachments:

1. Briefing aids/graphics
2. Terms of Reference

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